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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

*versus*

STEPHEN JOHN PIEPER,

Defendant.

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NO. 1:21-CR-38-MAC

**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Before the court is a report and recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Christine L. Stetson regarding the Defendant's competency for trial. The parties have not filed objections to the report.

Having conducted an independent review, the court concludes that the Defendant is competent to stand trial because he is able to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against him and able to assist his attorney in his defense. It is therefore

**ORDERED** that the report and recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge on the Defendant's competency to stand trial is **ADOPTED**. It is further **ORDERED** that the Defendant, Stephen John Pieper, is competent. The speedy trial time shall be excluded from May 6, 2021, until the date of this order.

SIGNED at Beaumont, Texas, this 6th day of December, 2021.



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MARCIA A. CRONE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE